Mr. K. N. Govindan : That was not the opinion of the Government then.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : Am I to take it that the Government selected the man without any basis ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan : The question has been answered.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju : ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് അന്നത്തെ അഭിപ്രായമാണോ ഇന്നുമുള്ളത് ?

President : It is not necessary for the honourable members on the Government side to give information on opinions held out by them. They have only to give information on facts presented before them.

The Director of Ayurveda.

68. * **Mr. M. S. Anirudhan :** Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why the office of the Director of Ayurveda is kept vacant ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan : At the time when the vacancy arose there was no properly qualified person to fill the place and, as an experimental measure, the department was bifurcated into two and one branch was placed under the Principal, Ayurveda College, and the other under the Inspector of Ayurveda, who were independant of each other. Government propose shortly to reorganise the department when the question of the appointment of a Director will be considered.

Expenditure for construction of buses for the transport scheme.

69. * **Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent till 18-5-1113 towards the construction of buses for the transport scheme ;

(*b*) the amounts disbursed so far towords the pay and remuneration for service for the construction of such buses ,

(*c*) the amount that is at present given for the construction of the body of a bus ; and

(*d*) whether any one had offered to build the bodies for a lesser amount, and, if so, will they be pleased to state the amount ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) and (*b*) £22,620.

(*c*) Rs. 1,600.

(*d*) Yes. The Manico Industrials, Quilon, who were housed in a shed not large enough to accommodate one body, quoted Rs. 1,100 per body subject to an advance by the Government of 50 per cent. cash with order.

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